Change of KRIBHCO and IFFCO into Limited Companies

4082. SHRI S MUTHU MANI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to change the present status of KRIBHCO and IFFCO as Cooperative sector into Limited Companies;

(b) whether it is a fact that to make these cooperative organisations as true cooperative organisations, Govrenment propose to reduce its stake in these organisations, and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No such proposal is under consideration.

(b) Presently, there is no such move as other cooperative institutions have not come forward to take over the Government equity in these organisations, either wholly or in part.

(c) Does not arise.

Closure of multinational pharmaceutical companies

4083 SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a number of multinational pharmaceutical companies are closing down and leaving the country;

(b) if so, the names of such companies and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of action being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No such instance has come to the notice of the Government.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Launching of new generation drugs

4084. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement has been signed by the Central Government with a German pharmaceutical company for launching new generation drugs based on German know-how; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the terms of agreement settled between the two countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Requirement of urea

4085. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) total urea requirement in the country during the last two years, State-wise;

(b) the projected requirement of urea for 1995-96, State-wise;

(c) the quantity of urea imported in the country during the last three years;

(d) the landing price of imported urea; and

(e) the total import bill of urea for the current year and projected import bill for the next year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The total requirement of urea during the years 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 (for the Kharif 1995 season), as reflected in State-wise allocation made under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 is furnished in the enclosed statement. (*See* below).